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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Colandrea, <i>et al.</i>	Art Unit:
Serial No.:	10/575,790	1614
Case No.:	21419YP	Examiner:
Filing Date:	April 12, 2006	N. C. Blakely III
For:	(3,4-DISUBSTITUTED)PROPANOIC CARBOXYLATES AS S1P (EDG) RECEPTOR AGONISTS	

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Sir:

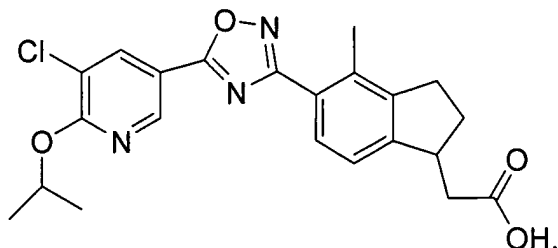
There is an outstanding Office Action mailed on September 17, 2008 setting forth a one-month period for response which expires on October 17, 2008.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-11, 18 and 24-30, directed to a compound represented by Formula A. Applicants further elects that no pharmaceutical carrier is required.

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In response to the requirement to elect a species, applicants hereby elect the compound having the following structure as appearing on page 206 (claim 11) as originally filed:



Claims readable thereon are 1-7, 11, 18, and 28-29.

Respectfully submitted,

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